

FOLLOWING IS AN UP-DATING OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN LAGS.

- 1. THE TOWN AND AIRFIELD AT XIENG KHOUANG APPEAR TO HAVE FALLEN TO THE ENEMY FORCES.
- 2. There has been considerable buildup in the form of construction and development at sam neur airfield by the communists during the past three months.
- 3. FRIENDLY TROOPS ARE BEING DIRECTED TO PRESS AN ATTACK
 ON VANG VIENG FROM BOTH THE NORTH AND SOUTH, IT IS REPORTED THAT
 THIS DRIVE IS BEING SLOWED BY THE REFUSAL OF SOME FRIENDLY TROOPS
 TO MOVE DUE TO EXHAUSTION

4. ON 5 MUARY THE CLANDESTINE RADIO PATHET LAO CLAIMED

THE PARSANE-VIENTIANE ROAD IS NOW CONTROLLED BY COMMUNIST

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- 5. It is now assumed that phong saly province in the north and sam neur province in the east are virtually in complete control of enemy forces. Sizable portions of luang prabang and xieng khouang provinces have also fallen to enemy control.
- 6. THE SITUATION SOUTH OF THE 18TH PARALLEL CONTINUES TO BE FLUID WITH ROVING GUERRILLA BANDS PLAGUING THE COUNTRYSIDE. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS POINT TO STATE WHAT AREAS, OTHER THAN URBAN, ARE CURRENTLY IN FRIENDLY HANDS SOUTH OF THE 18TH PARALLEL. END OF MESSAGE

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